

### REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-22 were subject to restriction and/or election requirement. In the present amendment, claims 12, 14 and 20-22 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer; and claims 1-11, 13 and 15-19 have been elected for continued prosecution. Thus, claims 1-11, 13 and 15-19 are pending.

Applicants hereby elect Group I (drawn to an isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide or variant thereof; recombinant construct, plant, seed and method of altering root structure comprising said polynucleotide and a method for isolating a polypeptide) and SEQ ID NO:6, 5, 9 and 10 without traverse.

The claims as listed herein are directed to the elected invention and are supported by the originally filed application. No new matter is believed to be added.

Please charge any requisite fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company).

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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